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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Aug-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 08/02/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/26/03
BRO-FRY	164,984	161,842
LT HENS	1,232	1,217
HVY HENS	1,551	1,548

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 26-Jul-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	276	0	276
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	366	8	374
SAME WEEK YR AGO	302	33	335
TO-DATE/2003	7,710	108	7,818
TO-DATE/2002	9,482	181	9,663

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,381	1,459	2,840
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,507	1,650	3,157
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,131	1,569	3,700
TO-DATE/2003	54,996	41,215	96,211
TO-DATE/2002	62,610	40,681	103,291

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 26-Jul-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	157,247	1,105	1,459	2,564
AVG WT	5.11	3.45	7.80	5.93
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	157,206	1,141	1,642	2,783
SAME WK YR AGO	161,236	1,829	1,536	3,365
AVG WT	5.07	3.82	8.17	5.81
TO-DATE/2003	4,567,114	47,286	41,107	88,393
TO-DATE/2002	4,636,785	53,128	40,500	93,628

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.2 million head or 3.4 million head less than or 98% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 19-Jul-03**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	23,946	31,450	49,431
Avg Weight	3.81	4.85	6.15
% of total /1	23%	30%	47%

COMPARISONS

Last week	18,022	17,412	31,731
Avg Weight	3.89	4.81	6.14
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%

Same week, yr ago /2	28,168	26,555	39,192
Avg Weight	3.85	4.75	6.14
% of total /1	30%	28%	42%

To date/2003	707,201	669,235	1,322,613
To date/2002	829,282	696,845	1,331,701

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 26-Jul-2003
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,034	2,758	62	10	4,864
AVG WT	15.50	35.67	24.89	31.91	27.08
HEAD SLTR COMPARIONS					
LAST WEEK	2,010	2,723	71	27	4,831
SAME WK YR AGO	1,928	3,182	53	3	5,166
AVG WT	16.02	35.16	23.79	30.85	27.90
TO-DATE/2003	54,944	81,164	1,822	440	138,370
TO-DATE/2002	54,417	80,590	1,417	235	136,659

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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